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### REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant **elects Group 1**, (claims 39, 41-58, 66-76) expressly reserving the right to traverse or to re-file the non-elected claims in the future.

Claims 39, 40 (as amended), 41-58, 66-76 and new claim 77 (corresponding to the subject matter of elected Group 1) are now pending in this application and, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, are believed to be in condition for favorable action on the merits.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is now believed to be in condition for early and favorable action on the merits. Further and favorable consideration is requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required beyond those otherwise provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims or the additional of independent claims in excess of three) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-1213 and the undersigned is requested to be notified of any such charges.

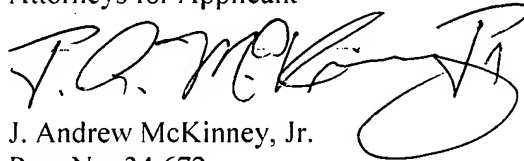
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Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned or Douglas R. Hanscom using the office contact information provided below..

Respectfully submitted,  
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